

DOMAINE ORATOIRE SAINT-MARTIN Cairanne Rouge 'Haut Coustias'

The finest leaders lead by example, and that is exactly what Frédéric and François Alary of Oratoire Saint-Martin in Cairanne have done for decades. Their personal modesty belies their unparalleled talent in crafting organically raised wines that speak of southern landscapes and summer-ripe flavors. The best wines of Cairanne are marked above all by an effortless finesse in both perfume and flavor. While other lowerland southern Rhônes struggle with heat and higher alcohol, Cairanne's top wines from its chalky hills are poised and pure. This character is preserved faithfully at Oratoire; here the soul of the wine comes directly from the soil and the vine.



WINERY: Domaine L'Oratoire Saint-Martin

WINEMAKERS: Frédéric and François Alary (brothers)

ESTABLISHED: 1692

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Cairanne

APPELLATION: Cairanne AOC

BLEND: 60% Mourvèdre, 20% Grenache and 20% Syrah

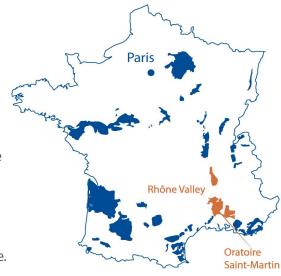
VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are located in the northeastern part of Cairanne, on a series of hills locally referred to as the "mountain." Soils are a unique mix of clay and chalk; the combination of mineral soils and high-altitude means flavorful, ripe yet balanced wines with moderate levels of alcohol. The lieu-dit 'Haut Coustias' faces full south.

AGE OF VINES: 70 to 90 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in foudre. Aged in foudre for 24 months. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red summer berries, violets, a touch of nutmeg. Full-bodied, peppery; red plums, blackberries, licorice.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled lamb; red meats; braised pork belly



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